REMARKS

Claim 1 calls for a detector to determine whether the first and second radio frequency identification tags, read by a reader, are a match.

The cited reference to Reynolds has to do with the problem where, for example, you can have two packages that are side-by-side, each of which includes an RFID tag 12a and 12b. When you get a reading, you do not know which RFID tag you have read. To overcome this problem Reynolds suggests putting a barcode 24a or 24b on each package. You know which barcode you have read because the reader only reads the barcode you pointed at. So if you read an RFID tag you can read the barcodes as well to determine which RFID tag goes with what package.

It is clear that the second item 24a or 24b is not an RFID tag. In paragraph 81, Reynolds is explicit that the items 24a and 24b are machine-readable symbols that are machine readable "by scanning, digitizing, or by any commonly known methods in the relevant art" and that a microprocessor "decodes the image to acquire the characteristic data stream encoded in the machine-readable symbol 24a, 24b." The only example given of such a machine-readable symbol is a reference to a barcode handbook. Thus, the fact that they are read by scanning, digitizing, etc., that they produce an image, and that they are commonly known in the art as taught in a barcode handbook indicates that the items 24a and 24b are barcodes or the like, not RFID tags.

Therefore, there is no detector that determines whether two RFID tags match. As a result, reconsideration would be appropriate.

On the same basis, reconsideration of the rejection of claim 33 is requested.

Claim 14 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 15. There is no comparing of first and second radio frequency identification tags in either of the cited references and, therefore, reconsideration is requested.

On the same basis, reconsideration of the rejection of claim 17 is requested.

Similarly, reconsideration of the rejection of claims 26 and 29 would be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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